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//We do not know whether Numayri has yet responded to the Chadian message, but we believe he would be very reluctant to involve Sudanese troops in Chad because the insurgents are Muslims. The Muslim tribes of eastern Chad are related to those of Western Sudan, an area of chronic dissidence, and Numayri is unlikely to want to risk the domestic repercussions that could result if he aided Chad in fighting the rebels.//

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EGYPT: Internal Political

The kidnaping and murder of a former Egyptian cabinet minister last weekend by a fanatic, underground religious society and two bombing incidents in Cairo on Wednesday will complicate President Sadat's efforts to restore confidence in his ability to maintain security and stability.

Although Libyan-sponsored terrorist incidents early this year caused greater loss of life, the Egyptian public seems far more disturbed by this week's incidents because they were perpetrated by Egyptians. The abduction and killing apparently have also revived memories of a wave of kidnapings and assassinations in the 1940s and 1950s carried out by the Muslim Brotherhood, an orthodox Muslim society founded in Egypt in 1928 to combat secularism.

Initially, many Egyptians suspected that the government had staged the kidnaping in order to blame it on Libyan President Qadhafi; they realized otherwise only when the former minister's body was discovered. Egyptian officials have as yet found no evidence of foreign involvement in the assassination and have made no attempt to implicate the Libyans.

The "Society for Atonement and Flight from Sin," which carried out the kidnaping and is claiming responsibility for the two explosions, is one of a number of fanatical religious groups that have surfaced in the last several years. Founded in 1966, it first came to the attention of Egyptian authorities in 1976 after it carried out attacks on some of its former members and Muslim religious leaders.

The Society apparently was also associated with the group that attacked the Egyptian military academy in 1974, and it may have ties with other right-wing fringe groups. There is no evidence that the Society is supported or associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, which has recently been trying to become a respected influence within the officially recognized rightist party in parliament.

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